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SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION

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1. MET WITH VP MUBARAK THIS AFTERNOON AT HIS OFFICE IN ABDIN PALACE AND GAVE HIM YOUR MESSAGE TO SADAT AND FAHMY (PARAS 2 THROUGH 8 OF REFTEL) WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE PASS IT TO THE PRESIDENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IN DOING SO, I DREW HIS ATTENTION TO YOUR ESTIMATE THAT THE CURRENT PERIOD IN LEBANON COULD BE DECISIVE AND WE THERREFORE HOPE THE PRESIDENT WILL USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH JUMBLATT, ARAFAT AND THE OTHER LEBANESE FACTION LEADERS TO GET THEM TO REALIZE THE NEED FOR COMPROMISE AND THE ESSENTIALITY OF MAINTAINING THE CEASEFIRE.

2. THE VP, WHO IS HARDLY A FOUNT OF PROFUNDITY, GOT THE POINT. AFTER HE HAD READ THE MESSAGE, HE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO AN AIDE TO TRANSLATE IT IMMEDIATELY AND SEND IT TO THE PRESIDENT IN PARIS. ALTHOUGH SADAT IS LUNCHING TODAY OUTSIDE OF PARIS, THE VP ASSURED ME THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE THE MESSAGE BY LATE AFTERNOON WHEN RETURNS TO PARIS.

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3. MUBARAK'S SOLE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT
WAS TO APPLAUD THE IDEA THAT
OUR SHIPS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ARE
THERE "AS A WARNING TO THE SOVIETS".

4. THE VP THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE A
REPLY EITHER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW.
IF SO, HE UNDERTOOK TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
ME RIGHT AWAY TO PASS IT ON.
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